MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Tahsildar was put in charge and it was not found necessary to disturb the arrangement then obtaining. To send a new Magistrate for a short period of three weeks was considered to be undesirable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know from the member after the leave was sanctioned, for how many days was he on leave according to that application ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Leave expired on 7th Vrischikam. It would have been about three weeks more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Am I to take it that Government act in their own way whenever a necessity occurs ? Is it the idea of the Government that in the usual course of business it is not possible to appoint an acting officer such as a Magistrate ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already said the circumstances under which a substitute was not appointed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That is why I ask that question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No general question arises out of it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Here an officer asks for two months' leave and the Government say that by the time the leave was sanctioned, the leave granted to him expires. Is that the way to dispose of the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The application came late.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Is there no rule regarding sending of applications for leave ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are rules. Suppose a man falls ill ; he may apply for leave suddenly.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Was the gentleman in question unable to apply for leave.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already answered that question.

*Copyists of the Revenue Department.*

92. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have issued an order in 1921 that the number of Revenue copyists in every taluk should be so restricted as to enable those appointed to get a remuneration of at least fifteen rupees a month ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that, in appointing such copyists in the several taluks, the officers empowered to do so have violated both the spirit and letter of this order ;

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative whether they propose to do anything to rectify matters, and, if so, what ;

(*d*) whether they received any memorials from copyists on this subject ;



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(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the number of such memorials they have received and from how many taluks; and

(*f*) the nature of the action they have taken on these memorials?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No. Rule 2, clause (12), of the Rules Dis. No. 756 of 1921/Revenue, dated the 26th July 1921, for regulating the preparation and issue of copies of records to parties from Revenue Offices however contains a provision that "the number of copyists entertained in any office should be not more than the number actually required for the work roughly on the basis that the copying of 12 sheets of copying stamp paper represents a full day's work for a copyist and that the system of having too many unpaid or ill-paid volunteers which obtained in most Revenue Offices should at once stop." The fixing of the number of copyists to be employed in each office is under the said Rules left to the discretion of the Division Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative. On a complaint to that effect in 1924 the Government issued orders to the Land Revenue Commissioner to see that the provisions of the Rules are strictly conformed to by all officers.

(*c*) The Government have again asked the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner to see that the provisions of the Rules are strictly adhered to.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) No memorial from the copyists regarding their remuneration has been received. But memorials from the copyists of some of the taluks were received for making their post permanent and pensionable. The question was considered by Government before and they have decided that it is not necessary to make the services of these copyists permanent and pensionable.

*Particulars re the Electoral Roll for the Commerce and Industry (North) Constituency.*

* 93. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government or the Special Electoral Rolls Officer received any complaint in regard to the preparation of the last electoral roll for the Commerce and Industry (North) Constituency;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the complaints;

(*c*) the total number of voters of the above constituency in the Tiruvalla taluk according to the list submitted to the Tahsildar by the Proverthikars of the different pakuties;

(*d*) how many names were cancelled by the higher authorities concerned as a result of their personal enquiry;

(*e*) how many names were cancelled by the Revising Authority;

(*f*) what was the number of voters in the final list;

(*g*) how many claims were placed before the Revising Authority;

(*h*) how many were accepted;

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